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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT
BEEF EXPORTS TO U.S.

1. WIRELESS FILE HAS RECENTLY ALLUDED TO AUSTRALAIAN
VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT BEEF EXPORTS TO U.S. MOST
RECENT REFERENCE WAS OCTOBER 31.
2. NEITHER EMBASSY ECON, SECTION OR AG.ATT, AWARE OF ANY
AUSTRALIAN GOVT. COMMITMENT TO IMPOSE "VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS".
WHILE WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT
AUSTRALIAN MEAT BOARD AND OTHER AUTHORITIES MAY BE TAKING
QUIET ACTION TO ASSURE EXPORTS DO NOT REACH LEVEL THAT U.S.
RESTRICTIONS MIGHT BE IMPOSED, THIS WOULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT
FROM HAVING COMMITTED ITSELF OR GOA TO DO SO.
3. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GOA MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE AT
STATEMENTS BY U.S.G. THAT SUCH AN INTENTION EXISTS, IF, AS
WE BELIEVE, NO SUCH COMMITMENT DOES EXIST.

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RM CANBERRA NOTES ABC RADIO NEWS OF NOV. 5 REFERS TO
STATEMENT BY SECY. BUTZ NOTING "VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS" BY
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

5. CATTLEMEN IN AUSTRALIA IN SERIOUS BIND DUE LOW BEEF
PRICES AND GOA MAY FEEL IT NECESSARY TO COMMENT THAT NO
VOLUNTARY CURBS EXIST AND THAT MARKET FORCES HAVE DEFERRED
SALES.

6. IN VIEW FOREGOING, AGENCY MAY WISH TO VERIFY BASIS FOR
REFERENCES TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT "AGREEMENT" OR
"COMMITMENT".
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